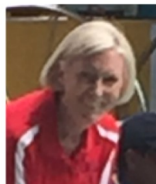




BETHANY'S NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY, 22nd October 2019 TERM 4 WEEK 2



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Bethany Parents and Carers,

We had a lovely start back to school last week. The staff of Bethany extend a warm welcoming to our students and parents, and look forward to continuing the learning journey in partnership with your child.

It was wonderful to see all the students, parents and teachers arrive with lovely smiles on their faces. The students were so excited to reconnect with their teachers and friends. The school community is like one big family, it's nice to have a break, but we can't wait to be back together again.

Term 4 is an exciting time for all in so many ways, for example:

- 2020 Kindergarten Transition Program - Weeks 3, 4, 6 and 7
- Gymnastic lessons - Weekly
- Colour Fun Run - Friday 8th November (Week 4)
- Bethany Twilight Swimming Carnival - Tuesday 3rd December (Week 8)
- Children's Sunday Masses – Sunday 3rd November; Sunday 1st December
- Year 6 Fundraising events – TBA
- Stage 3 Project Based Learning - ongoing
- Thanksgiving Mass – Thursday 12th December
- Bethany School of Parish Carols Celebration – Friday 13th December
- Reports – going home Week 8
- Promotions Day – Monday 9th December
- Parent Helpers Morning Tea – Date to be advised
- Year 6 Graduation Mass and Certificate Presentations – Tuesday 10th December (Week 9)
- Year 6 Social - Monday 16th December (Week 10)
- Year 6 Fun Day – Tuesday 17th December (Week 10)
- Year 6 Guard of Honour - Wednesday 18th December (end of school for students)
- Last Day of school – Wednesday 18th December (Week 10)

All of the events will be on the Bethany School Calendar with the date and times.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE, continued

Bethany is experiencing **Musical Fever!!** Everyone is excited with the Lion King Jr Production coming up on Thursday and Friday evening. Miss Joseph and the Production team have been working so hard behind the scene. Bethany's staff have been supporting the team with the many roles they are playing in the organisation and implementation of **our very first musical production!**

Unfortunately, I will be attending the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) System Leaders Symposium on Thursday and Friday. I will be attending a special dinner on Thursday evening where CEDP acknowledge the Principals who are leaving at the end of the year. The good news for me is that I will be able to attend the musical on Friday night. I wish to express my appreciation of Miss Joseph and the production team for their understanding and support of me attending the Symposium.

CLASS GROUPS IN 2020.

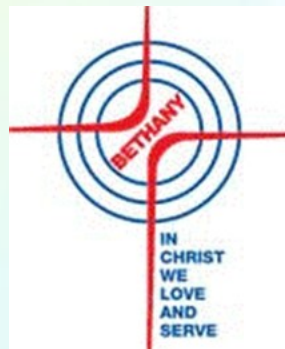
Over the coming weeks classes for 2020 will be finalised. I ask parents to trust the decisions made in grouping students, as I trust, if there has been a problem and/or concern regarding a child's needs this would have already been conveyed to teachers during the year. If you have a significant circumstance, not including friendship requests, please write a letter to me, no emails please. It will be reviewed in light of the grade grouping processes and there is no guarantee requests will be granted.

I wish to advise our Bethany community that Mrs Cristina Cignarella will be leaving Bethany for 2020 as she has been seconded for twelve months as the Religious Education Coordinator at St Francis of Assisi, Glendenning. Mrs Cignarella will be missed by staff, students and parent, and we wish her the best for 2020.

It also gives me great pleasure in advising our school community that the following staff have been appointed permanent positions at Bethany:- Congratulations to Miss Karlie Vella, Miss Nikita Dingemans and Mrs Cassandra Wakim.

In closing, I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

God bless and keep safe.
Mrs Cheryl Brown



Welcome to Bethany

In Christ We Love and Serve

Our school name was inspired by the ancient biblical village Jesus often visited and is associated with hospitality, service, listening and learning.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

All teachers have a right to be supported in their professional learning, as well as a responsibility to be involved in performance and development processes that facilitate their professional growth and the provision of quality teaching and learning. At best, it is a process that works individually with the strengths and needs of a specific teacher to create higher capability and understanding.

Please find outlined below the ongoing learning opportunities that our teachers will be involved in over the last week of Term 3.

Week 2:

- Thursday 24th and Friday 25th October - Mrs Brown will be attending the Principals Masterclass

Week 3:

- Monday 28th October - Mrs Brown will be attending a Governance course.
- Wednesday 30th October - Mrs Andreatta will be continuing with her Reading Recovery Training.
- Thursday 31st October - Mrs Cignarella will be continuing with her Reading Recovery Training.
- Friday 1st November - Mrs Biordi and Miss Joseph will be attending the Tough Conversations course.

SUMMER UNIFORM

A gentle reminder that all students are expected to be in full summer uniform now that we are in Term 4. This includes, correct colours for socks, shoes and hair accessories. Hair accessories should be in the school colours of navy, white and/or red. Please note that being in the correct uniform also means, sensible haircuts for all students. Hair fringes should not restrict vision in any way or be a distraction.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 21st October	Year 2 Excursion - Arms of Australia Museum
Wednesday 23rd October	Captivate Dance Festival night performance - Riverside Theatre, Parramatta
Wednesday 23rd October	Alpha meeting 6pm - 9:30pm - Library
Thursday 24th October	The Lion King Jr Musical - Doors open 6:00pm
Friday 25th October	The Lion King Jr Musical - Doors open 6:00pm
Wednesday 30th October	Alpha meeting 6pm - 9:30pm - Library
Thursday 31st October	Kinder 2020 Transition Day 1 (RE)
Sunday 3rd November	Children's Mass - Padre Pio Parish 9:30 am
Monday 4th November	Basketball Gala Day
Thursday 7th November	Kinder 2020 Transition Day 2 (Literacy)
Friday 8th November	Colour Fun Run - Ched Towns Reserve
Wednesday 13th November	P & F Meeting
Wednesday 13th November	Alpha meeting 6pm - 9:30pm - Library



REC - Mrs Cignarella

TERM 4 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - LEARNING CYCLES UPDATE

This term is an exciting time at Bethany for Religious Education. The staff have been preparing all year with professional learning opportunities led by Scott Carroll, our Mission Teacher Educator, familiarising themselves with the different elements of the framework, in preparation for implementation with the draft syllabus in 2020 and 2021. Our Staff Development Day last term gave the teachers opportunities to collaboratively explore their chosen learning cycles, going deeper into the inquiry and the content.

With Learning Cycles chosen, Inquiry Questions developed and content explored last term, Monday saw the cycles commence with a launch / entry events across all stages! Entry events allowed all students to **engage in dialogue** at a **real world level**, allowing them opportunities to **draw upon their prior experiences** and **background knowledge**, making connections to **what they already know**.

Carefully planned entry events fire up children's curiosity and engage students' sense of inquiry right from the start of any learning cycle.

Below are each stage's Learning Cycle, Inquiry Questions and small explanation of their launch / entry events.

Early Stage 1

Learning Cycle: We can be like Jesus serving others

Inquiry Question: Are there people we need to help?

Our Kindergarten students were presented with a mystery box. Inside the mystery box were single items which related to helping others, which teachers pulled out, one by one ie. a band aid, a piece of fruit, a coin purse with some coins, a pair of socks, small toiletries etc.

Children were challenged to think about what these items could be about.

Prompting questions included:

What could we use these items for?

Who would need these items?

Do you have these items or are they easy to get?... Etc

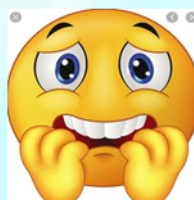


Stage 1

Learning Cycle: Jesus was a man

Inquiry Question: How do emotions and attitudes influence my actions?

Our Year 1 and 2 students were presented with different emojis to discuss in small groups. They were asked to analyse the emojis, identifying the emotion they believed were being expressed, justifying their reasoning making connections to real life.



REC, continued

Stage 2

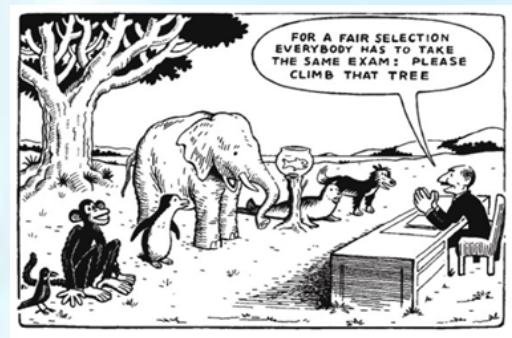
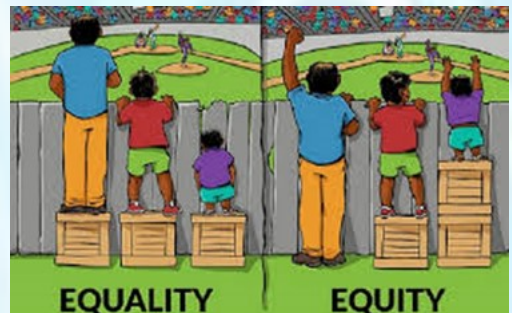
Learning Cycle: Rights and Responsibilities

Inquiry Question: How can I make a difference to my neighbours?

Our Year 3 and 4 students were presented with carefully selected images to begin a discussion on what is fair and what is not fair.

Questions included :

- Is this (situation) fair? Why/ why not?
- Is it intentional? Can it be made fair?
- What reasons may exist for the situation to appear to not be fair?
- Do you need to know more about a situation before you can make a judgement about it?
- Is 'fair' the same for everybody?



Stage 3

Learning Cycle: Mission

Inquiry Question: How do I know my purpose?

Our Year 5 and 6 students listened to a guest speaker, Grant Atkins, an NRL referee. He shared his life story and how he became the person he is today and his purpose. He discussed the challenges and hardships he has faced in his chosen career as well as his successes and triumphs. He went on to discuss his roles and responsibilities as a leader and the impact these have on others.

From there, all stages **introduced their inquiry questions** and engaged in developing their current **Knows** (what do they already know) & **Need to Knows** (what do they need to learn more about / inquire) which are crucial in the inquiry cycle. Teachers utilise these in developing the future learning / inquiries as the learning cycles progress.



Why not have a discussion with your children about what they have engaged with this week?

Ask them about their entry event / launch.

What have they been able to make a connection to?

What do they already know?

What is something new they have already learnt?

What is something they are interested in exploring further in relation to their inquiry question?



LITERACY - Mrs Biordi

As a parent of a student in primary school you may find yourself wondering how to access information to assist your child in their learning journey from Preschool to HSC . The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has provided parent guides to assist parents in understanding each stage of learning. The following is an extract with hyperlinks to assist you in navigating the various phases of schooling.



NESA PARENT GUIDE

Whether your child is beginning school or transitioning into high school, navigating the NSW school system needn't be a daunting experience.

To help you understand what's involved with your child attending school, the NSW Education Standards Authority has created a [Parent Charter](#) PDF (2 pages, 874KB) that explains our role and responsibilities as well as the [Parent Guide](#) PDF (16 pages, 1.4MB) below.

We cover all the stages of schooling from starting school in Kindergarten to finishing high school, and provide advice about how you can support your child during their time at school.

Find out more about:

- [Schooling in NSW](#) – learn about the school curriculum and syllabuses, learning stages, types of schools, home schooling and school terms and holidays in NSW.
- [Transitioning to school](#) – when to start school, booking into school, helping your child transition, building your child's confidence, working with your school, what to expect the first few weeks of school and dealing with a stressed child.
- [Primary school \(K–6\)](#) – what your child will learn, integrated units and special needs.
- [High school \(Years 7–10\)](#) – transition to high school, Years 7–10 syllabus, NAPLAN and reporting and awards.
- [High school \(Years 11–12\)](#) – what is the HSC and the RoSA, HSC syllabus, exams, special provisions and illness, reporting, replacement statements, awards and resources.
- [HSC minimum standard](#) – what is the HSC minimum standard, how to meet it, and what it means for your child (this does not apply to students taking the HSC in 2019).



SPORT- Mrs Neilly

BASKETBALL TEAMS

Please return notes along with money by Friday 26th October.

A Skoolbag notification was sent earlier this week in regards to training days.

Mondays - Stage 2 Boys and Stage 3 Boys

Tuesdays- Stage 2 Girls and Stage 3 Girls

Please bring your joggers/sports shoes if it's not your normal sport day.

The gala day is in Week 4, Monday 4th November.

See you on the court for training next week!



SWIMMING NEWS



During the school holidays, Matilda (4B) swam at the NSW State MC championships and won 4 gold medals and 1 bronze. She now holds the NSW State (S8) Champion titles for the 400m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke & 50m backstroke.



Well done, Matilda!

Bethany will be holding the Twilight swimming carnival later this term for competitive swimmers. This event is for 8 - 12 year olds. Students who turn 8 in 2020 are eligible to compete. A note will be sent home with further details in the coming weeks.





SPORT- Mrs Neilly

ATHLETICS NEWS



Our Diocesan Athletics team photo taken at assembly.

The **NSW Catholic Primary Schools Athletics Carnival** was held in September (Week 9). Well done to the following students for their awesome achievements at this difficult level of competition!

Amelia (5B) - 800m - 15th

Campbell (6R) - 1500m - 13th

Joshua (5W) - AWD 200m - bronze medal

- 100m - 4th

- Long jump - 12th,

- Shot put - 11th.

Matilda (4B) - AWD shot put and discus - 2 gold
- Long jump - silver medal

Both Joshua and Matilda will be competing at PSSA in November for the MacKillop team.





LIBRARY - Mrs Liepa

Book Club

Orders Close Friday, 25th October 2019

This week students would have received their Book Club brochure for Term 4. You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The [Book Club LOOP platform](#) for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.




How to order on the
Book Club platform
bookclubs.scholastic.com.au



LOG-IN

On initial log in each year, you will need to complete the Wizard.

- 1 Select your **ISSUE**
- 2 Click on the **ORDER** tab
- 3 Select your **CLASS**
- 4 Select **STUDENT** or add a student
Add their items. Repeat 3 + 4 until all the orders are entered.
- 5 Choose payment type.
When done, click **NEXT**
If applicable, click **USE VOUCHERS/REWARDS**
or click **PAYMENT SUMMARY**
- 6 **SUBMIT ORDER**
Remember: Submit your **LOOP** orders at the same time so all books arrive together.



More Kids Reading More Reading More

Happy Reading!
Mrs Liepa

THE LION KING JR

BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRODUCTION OF



Thursday 24th October, 2019
Friday 25th October, 2019

Doors open: 6:00pm

Pre-show: 6:45pm

Musical Commences: 7pm

Tickets: \$20 (over 12yrs), \$12 (3-11yrs)

Venue: St Dominics College

54-94 Gascoigne St

Kingswood NSW 2747

Tickets available from:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BFOPS>

ATTENDANCE

Bethany's attendance - **84.8%**
CEDP Target - 90 %

Well done to Years 2 and 3 for exceeding the target of **90% attendance!**



ENROLMENT INFORMATION



Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2020 and grades 1-6

We are accepting Enrolments now for 2020 Kindergarten children.
We have limited places available for grades 1-6.

The motto of Bethany, '*In Christ We Love and Serve*', reflects the principles and values of a Christian community.

We have a commitment to the promotion of educational and personal excellence.

We believe that education enriches and empowers the individual.

Please contact the Office on 4723 3700 for more information. We are located at 34-38 William Howell Drive Glenmore Park 2745



Memorial Mass

FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE

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AND BLUE MOUNTAINS TOGETHER WITH THE
DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA INVITE THOSE
BEREAVED BY SUICIDE, TO A CELEBRATION OF
MASS TO HONOUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE
TAKEN THEIR LIVES

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED AFTER MASS

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 6:45PM FOR 7PM MASS

VENUE: ST OLIVER PLUNKETT
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RSVP BY THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER FOR CATERING PURPOSES

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*“Come to me, all you who are weary
And burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

— MATTHEW 11:28



CARPARK SAFETY



Here are a few rules that can keep all community members safe when coming and going around the school carpark:

- ◇ Please ensure that the hands of little ones are always held when moving about the carpark.
- ◇ When entering the driveway, always remain to the left and process through the carpark in a clockwise direction. Do not turn right, as a matter of urgency in order to secure a parking space.
- ◇ When leaving the carpark, please maintain the correct speed limit, particularly when heading down the driveway and have limited peripheral vision of pedestrians crossing.
- ◇ When parking on the dirt and gravel behind the hall, in front of the presbytery (whether in the morning or at special school events) please ensure that the bitumen driveway to the presbytery remains clear at all times.
- ◇ When on the dirt and gravel behind the hall, in front of the presbytery please do not park next to the large rubbish bins (parallel to the carpark) as it means that parents and children alike, are having to walk through the carpark to get to the school entry near the canteen.
- ◇ Fr Suresh has requested that, if parking in the dirt area of the carpark, please reverse-park.
- ◇ Please park accurately within the parking lines to ensure that other drivers can get out of their cars safely.
- ◇ Please remember to use the crossing.
- ◇ To keep morning traffic flowing smoothly in the school car park, we ask parents and carers to be mindful of not getting out of their cars if they have driven to the Kiss and Drop area.



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